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DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 20060001424 A1

TITLE: Magnetic resonance method and device

PUBLICATION-DATE: January 5, 2006

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US-CL-CURRENT: 324/309; 324/306, 324/307

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US-PAT-NO: RE35656
DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US RE35656 E

TITLE: Ultra-fast multi-section MRI using gradient and spin echo (GRASE) imaging

DATE-ISSUED: November 11, 1997

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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05270654	December 14, 1993	727229	July 5, 1991

INT-CL-ISSUED: [06] G01 V 3/00

US-CL-ISSUED: 324/309; 324/307
US-CL-CURRENT: 324/309; 324/307

FIELD-OF-CLASSIFICATION-SEARCH: 324/307, 324/309, 324/306, 324/312, 324/300
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ART-UNIT: 225

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Arana; Louis M.

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Nixon & Vanderhye P.C.

ABSTRACT:

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as to smoothly distribute unwanted phase shift from field inhomogeneity and/or chemical phase shift effects over the entire phase encoded dimension in k-space. The technique can also be extended so as to provide T2-weighted multi-slab three-dimensional volume images.

60 Claims, 19 Drawing figures

☐ 3. Document ID: US 5270654 A Relevance Rank: 43

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US-PAT-NO: 5270654
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TITLE: Ultra-fast multi-section MRI using gradient and spin echo (grase) imaging

DATE-ISSUED: December 14, 1993

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Arana; Louis

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Nixon & Vanderhye

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48 Claims, 19 Drawing figures

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DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 20030160612 A1

TITLE: Magnetic resonance method and system for quantification of anisotropic diffusion

PUBLICATION-DATE: August 28, 2003

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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REPRESENTATIVE-FIGURES: 4, 6

ABSTRACT:

An MR method and system of determining elements of the apparent diffusion coefficient tensor in a material with plurality of anisotropic structural units that can be too small to be resolved by direct imaging. MR data is acquired with MR system including pulse sequences, the sequences including imaging or spectroscopy pulse sequences with a series of embedded diffusion-sensitizing gradient waveforms with different gradient strength applied to the material. A nonlinear function of a b-value corresponding to the pulse sequence is defined and the acquired MR data is processed according to defined nonlinear function. Images/maps of the components of the tensor of apparent diffusion coefficients, corresponding to anisotropic structural units, based on the processed MR data, are created. A method of evaluating of the geometrical parameters of lung airways is also described.

☐ 5. Document ID: US 6307369 B1 Relevance Rank: 39

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US-PAT-NO: 6307369
DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6307369 B1

TITLE: Autocorrection of 3D MR images for motion artifacts

DATE-ISSUED: October 23, 2001

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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Ehman; Richard L.	Rochester	MN		
Manduca; Armando	Rochester	MN		

ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

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DATE FILED: July 12, 2000

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ART-UNIT: 282

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Patidar; Jay

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Shrivastav; Brij B.

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Quarles & Brady, LLP

ABSTRACT:

A three-dimensional image data set is acquired with an MRI system and autocorrected to reduce artifacts caused by subject motion during image acquisition. Correction

for motion along one or two axes is performed by selecting a 2D slice of data and autocorrecting it to produce phase corrections that are then made to the entire 3D image data set. This may be repeated by autocorrecting an additional 2D slice perpendicular to the first 2D slice to produce phase corrections for the 3D image data set for motion along the third axis.

9 Claims, 3 Drawing figures

☐ 6. Document ID: US 6265874 B1 Relevance Rank: 39

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US-PAT-NO: 6265874
DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6265874 B1

TITLE: Autocorrection of MR images using multiple metrics

DATE-ISSUED: July 24, 2001

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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Felmlee; Joel P.	Rochester	MN		
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FIELD-OF-CLASSIFICATION-SEARCH: 324/306, 324/307, 324/309, 324/312, 324/314, 324/300, 364/419.13, 600/410, 600/407, 358/447
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ART-UNIT: 282

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ABSTRACT:

An MRI image is corrected for motion artifacts using an iterative, autocorrection process in which corrections are tried and the quality of the resulting reconstructed image is measured. Different metrics for evaluating image quality are used during the autocorrection process to take advantage of their different attributes.

11 Claims, 3 Drawing figures

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US-PAT-NO: 6647134
DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6647134 B1

TITLE: Autocorrection of MR projection images

DATE-ISSUED: November 11, 2003

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ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research	Rochester	MN			02

APPL-NO: 09/595282 [PALM]
DATE FILED: June 15, 2000

PARENT-CASE:
RELATED PATENT APPLICATION This application claims benefit of Provisional Application Ser. No. 60/193,119 filed on Mar. 30, 2000.

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FIELD-OF-CLASSIFICATION-SEARCH: 382/128, 382/130
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ART-UNIT: 2621

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ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Quarles & Brady, LLP

ABSTRACT:

An MRA image is corrected for motion artifacts using an iterative, autocorrection process in which corrections are tried and the quality of the resulting reconstructed image is measured. Corrections are made to the acquired three-dimensional data while the metric which measures image quality is applied to a two-dimensional projection image.

12 Claims, 3 Drawing figures

☐ 8. Document ID: US 6469506 B1 Relevance Rank: 39

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US-PAT-NO: 6469506
DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6469506 B1

TITLE: Autocorrection of MR images acquired using phased-array coils

DATE-ISSUED: October 22, 2002

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research	Rochester	MN			02

APPL-NO: 09/595272 [PALM]
DATE FILED: June 15, 2000

PARENT-CASE:
RELATED APPLICATIONS This application claims benefit of provisional application Serial No. 60/166,432 filed on Nov. 19, 1999.

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ART-UNIT: 2862

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ABSTRACT:

An MRI image acquired with a phase-array coil is corrected for motion artifacts using an iterative, autocorrection process in which corrections are tried and the quality of the resulting reconstructed image is measured. In one embodiment autocorrections are calculated for the data acquired with one coil element and the same corrections are made to data acquired with the other coil elements. In another embodiment autocorrections are calculated separately for the data acquired with each coil element. In either embodiment, the separate corrected images are combined to form the output image.

4 Claims, 3 Drawing figures

Full | Title | Citation | Front | Review | Classification | Date | Reference | | | | Claims | KWIC | Draw. D

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PGPUB-DOCUMENT-NUMBER: 20050174114
PGPUB-FILING-TYPE: new
DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 20050174114 A1

TITLE: Method and system for rapid magnetic resonance imaging of gases with reduced diffusion-induced signal loss

PUBLICATION-DATE: August 11, 2005

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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US-CL-PUBLISHED: 324/309; 324/314, 324/303
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REPRESENTATIVE-FIGURES: 8

ABSTRACT:

A methodology, system and computer program product for designing and optimizing a rapid magnetic resonance imaging pulse sequence for creating images of a gas or gas-filled structure with substantially reduced diffusion-induced signal attenuation during the course of data acquisition compared to that for currently available magnetic resonance imaging techniques is disclosed. The methodology and system allows desirable combinations of image signal-to-noise ration, spatial resolution and temporal resolution to be achieved that were heretofore not possible. For example, magnetic resonance imaging of hyperpolarized noble gases, which recently has shown significant promise for several medical imaging applications, particularly imaging of the human lung, can be improved. Pulse sequences designed according to the subject methods permit signal levels to be achieved that are up to ten times higher than those possible with the gradient-echo methods now commonly used for hyperpolarized-gas imaging. This signal increase can be traded for substantially lower does, and hence much lower cost, of the hyperpolarized-gas agent. The methodology and system will also be useful for non-biological applications of hyperpolarized gases for example material science studies, as well as for magnetic resonance imaging of any other gas for biological or non-biological applications. Pulse sequences designed according to the subject methods can also serve as the foundation for a variety of specialized gas-imaging

pulse sequences, such as those for apparent-diffusion-coefficient, dynamic or oxygen-concentration imaging.

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/380,760, filed May 15, 2002, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Rapid Magnetic Resonance Imaging of Gases with Reduced Diffusion-Induced Signal Loss," the entire disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

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PGPUB-DOCUMENT-NUMBER: 20040260173
PGPUB-FILING-TYPE: new
DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 20040260173 A1

TITLE: Optimized high-speed magnetic resonance imaging method and system using hyperpolarized noble gases

PUBLICATION-DATE: December 23, 2004

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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INT-CL-PUBLISHED: [07] A61 B 5/055

US-CL-PUBLISHED: 600/420
US-CL-CURRENT: 600/420

REPRESENTATIVE-FIGURES: 9

ABSTRACT:

A system and method for using hyperpolarized noble gases together with an appropriately designed and optimized magnetic resonancé imaging pulse sequence to rapidly acquire static or dynamic magnetic resonance images. The strong magnetic resonance signal from hyperpolarized gases, combined with the present magnetic resonance imaging technique, presents the opportunity for the imaging of gases with both high spatial and high temporal resolution. One potential application for such a method is the direct, dynamic visualization of gas flow, which would be extremely useful for characterizing a variety of fluid systems. In the medical field, one such system of substantial importance is the lung. The system and method provides for visualizing regional ventilatory patterns throughout the respiratory cycle with high temporal and high spatial resolution. The low sensitivity to susceptibility artifacts permits good image quality to be obtained in various orientations. Depending on the application, temporal resolution can be traded for anatomical coverage. Such application of dynamic imaging of the lung using hyperpolarized gases will provide unique information on the physiology and pathophysiology of the lung, and has the potential for many clinically-relevant applications.

RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application Ser. No. 60/283,918 filed on Apr. 13, 2001, entitled "Optimized High-Speed Magnetic Resonance Imaging System Using Hyperpolarized Noble Gases and Related Method Thereof", the entire disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

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TITLE: Systems and methods for estimating properties of a sample

PUBLICATION-DATE: November 18, 2004

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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REPRESENTATIVE-FIGURES: 2A 2B

ABSTRACT:

Systems and methods for estimating properties of a sample are provided in which, for some embodiments, each datum of a set of data is modeled using a parameterized equation. The parameterized equation has multiple parameters, where each parameter represents a property of the subject. The parameterized equation is inverted, and the inverted parameterized equation provides an indication of one or more properties associated with the subject.

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application claims the benefit of U.S. provisional patent application serial No. 60/437,301, filed on Dec. 31, 2002, having the title "Single Excitation Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Method and Device," which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

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PGPUB-DOCUMENT-NUMBER: 20050036944
PGPUB-FILING-TYPE: new
DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 20050036944 A1

TITLE: Diffusion-weighted parallel imaging with navigator-signal-based phase correction

PUBLICATION-DATE: February 17, 2005

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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US-CL-PUBLISHED: 424/009.3; 600/410
US-CL-CURRENT: 424/9.3; 600/410

REPRESENTATIVE-FIGURES: NONE

ABSTRACT:

A magnetic resonance imaging method for forming an image of an object from a plurality of signals acquired by an array of multiple receiver antennae, wherein spins are excited in a part of the object. MR signals are measured along a predetermined trajectory containing a plurality of lines in k-space by application of a read gradient and other gradients. Further, a navigator gradient is applied for the measurement of navigator MR signals and an additional gradient is applied in order to achieve diffusion sensitivity of the MR signal, wherein phase corrections are determined from phases and moduli of the navigator MR signals so as to correct the measured MR signals. An image of the part of the object is determined from the corrected MR signals. The corrected phase is determined from the weighted phase difference between a reference navigator signal for each antenna and the actual navigator MR signal of said antenna.

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DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 20060028206 A1

TITLE: MRI method and apparatus for faster data acquisition or better motion artifact reduction

PUBLICATION-DATE: February 9, 2006

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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ABSTRACT:

In a method and apparatus for generating a magnetic resonance image, raw magnetic resonance data are acquired from a subject for each of a number of PROPELLER strips using, for each strip, multiple magnetic resonance reception coils in a partial acquisition technique (PAT), and the raw data in said PROPELLER strips are entered into k-space according to the PROPELLER scan. A PAT reconstruction of the data in k-space is conducted dependent on the respective sensitivities of the reception coils, and a PROPELLER reconstruction of the data in k-space is conducted after the PAT reconstruction for generating a magnetic resonance image of the subject.

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US-PAT-NO: 6774628
DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6774628 B2

TITLE: Nuclear magnetic resonance imaging using phase encoding with non-linear gradient fields

DATE-ISSUED: August 10, 2004

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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ART-UNIT: 2859

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Gutierrez; Diego

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ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: McEnaney; Kevin P. Jeffery; Brigitte L. Ryberg; John H.

ABSTRACT:

One embodiment of the present invention is a method for nuclear magnetic resonance imaging of an investigation region of formation surrounding a wellbore. The method comprises the steps of applying a series of magnetic field gradients to phase encode nuclear spins within the investigation region, wherein the strength of the magnetic field gradient applied is different from at least one previously applied magnetic field gradient within the series. Nuclear magnetic resonance signals are detected from the investigation region resulting from the series of magnetic field gradients.

73 Claims, 30 Drawing figures

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DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 20030137297 A1

TITLE: Nuclear magnetic resonance imaging using phase encoding

PUBLICATION-DATE: July 24, 2003

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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REPRESENTATIVE-FIGURES: 1 2 3

ABSTRACT:

One embodiment of the present invention is a method for nuclear magnetic resonance imaging of an investigation region of formation surrounding a wellbore. The method comprises the steps of applying a series of magnetic field gradients to phase encode nuclear spins within the investigation region, wherein the strength of the magnetic field gradient applied is different from at least one previously applied magnetic field gradient within the series. Nuclear magnetic resonance signals are detected from the investigation region resulting from the series of magnetic field gradients.

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